



Behavioral Health Consortium
Data & Policy Committee
Thursday, March 7th, 2019
1:00-3:00P

Attendees

Ms. Carolyn Petrak
Mr. Perry Patel
Ms. Stacy Schiller
Dr. Meghan Walls
Mr. David Mangler
Mr. Jason Slavoski
Ms. Corinthia Pierce
Ms. Tammy Anderson
Mr. Matt Swanson
Ms. Cheryl Heiks
Ms. Lizzie Lewis Zubara
Ms. Mary Louise Embray

1) Welcome & Roll Call

Ms. Carolyn Petrak called the meeting to order at 1:06PM.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from Thursday, January 3rd, 2019 were approved unanimously.

3) Mary Kane Work

Introduced the work that Mary Kane will be doing to help bring structure to the committees. There will be an upcoming meeting with all the committees and their members to promote cross-committee sharing and collaboration. Emphasis to complete committee survey

Reviewed the original tasks:

Data	
Task/Activity	Status
Create a statewide MOU for state agencies to share critical data related to brain health	Being handled by other entities; was told that this was too big to handle
Create a statewide MOU for nonprofits and entities that contract with the State to better share critical data related to behavioral health trends and statistics	Same as above



Assess & expand overdose fatalities and determine what critical resources are needed in specific zip codes <u>Senate Bill 206</u>	
Explore funding of infrastructure cost for healthcare claims data (All Payers), focusing on mental health parity cost and programs -Work to modernize 42 C.F.R Part 2	DHIN is working on this and is willing to do a demo for the group. Will coordinate with the co-chairs to have a presentation Would like information on those who do not participate and if the information is available, why they do not
Explore, analyze and look to improve the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program	Had a presentation on this and the state has been working on this

Policy	
<i>Task/Activity</i>	<i>Status</i>
Evaluate resources for families and individuals who need involuntary treatment resources	
Evaluate alternative therapies for individuals in active recovery	
Support legislation that would ban powdered alcohol	Legislation has been passed; do not believe there is more to do on this
Explore options for funding, ranging from federal applications, settlements, and state based legislation (i.e. Opioid Assessment Fee etc)	
Conduct assessment of behavioral health, substance use disorder commissions and agencies to study any gaps or overlap between entities'	

Other topics:

- Waiver on CMMI extending beds
 - Need an update on this
- Leveraging Utility of Data
 - Using public data to create an annual fact sheet on these issues which would promote conversations and identify potential priorities
 - Could be a simple dashboard



- Example of a data dashboard: <https://preventoverdoseri.org/track-our-action-plan/>

Emerging Policy Priorities

- MCO credentialing facilities
 - Will free up administrative time and might help with reimbursement
- Updating prompt payment law
 - There is one on the books but not current
 - There is a national model that is emerging that will be used for guidance
- Advocating for Insurance Rate Study
 - Ability Network testified at DSAMH's JFC hearing advocating for this
 - DPA is also interested in this as well
- Expanding parity beyond health insurance
 - How mental health impacts other forms of insurance such as life

4) Emerging Issue: Non-emergency Transportation (Dr. Walls)

- a. Major Issue: Larger Organizations have stopped allowing parents to transportation children, who are suicidal, to other facilities due to liability. Ambulances will not take these patients as it is viewed as a risk. Non-emergency city and county police have inconsistent policies on taking patients and sometimes have to take them in handcuffs.
 - i. This is an issue of mental health parity
- b. Other states have addressed this issue
 - i. Virginia conducted a pilot for this but it was expensive
 - ii. Vermont is the only state that has a law that states you cannot restrain a person, who is suicidal (unless aggressive)
- c. Comments
 - i. This could be a space for private entities to enter into
 - ii. Could use current legislation on non-emergency bills and amend them
 - iii. Could reach out to Mobile Crisis and see about having Volunteers trained to be able to provide this service
 - 1. Have reached out in the past but will do that again
 - iv. May want to connect with DSAMH about how they handle this issue
- d. Action Steps
 - i. Need to know the law enforcement policies on this
 - ii. Look at previous legislation this issue



5) Comments

- a. Expanding parity beyond health insurance
 - i. How mental health impacts other forms of insurance such as life
- b. Federal Ruling on United Healthcare
 - i. Found that United Healthcare had denied claims on behavioral health and substance use disorder at a rate higher than compared to physical health (New York Times article)

6) Announcements

- a. Events:
 - i. DPBHS Building Bridges Statewide Mental Health Conference
 - 1. May 15th-16th at Dover Downs
 - ii. National Prescription Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit
 - 1. April 22-25th, Atlanta, GA
 - 2. <https://www.rx-summit.com/>
 - iii. Addiction Education Symposium in Sussex County
 - 1. June 12th at Del Tech in Georgetown
 - 2. Gill Botvin will be there and there will be a faith-based track
 - iv. The State of Behavioral Health Services in the First State
 - 1. March 29th, 2019 at Terry Campus, Del-Tech Community College
 - 2. Nemours and Capital School District are sponsoring this

7) Public Comment

- a. Issue of physician prescribing opioids and patient
 - i. Had to seek care i

8) Next Meeting Update

- a. Will meet the 1st Thursday of every month at 1pm
 - i. Location will rotate
- b. Next meeting: Thursday, April 4th, 2019 in a location to be determined in New Castle County

***This agenda is subject to change.**

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